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Action delayed on GISD substance abuse policy

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Emotional discussion of possible changes to the Gatesville Independent School District's substance abuse policy led the GISD Board of Trustees delaying action for further consideration - possibly in May.

"We have been on a three-strike system and there is a proposal for a four-strike system, with the addition of a physical regimen (supervised exercise) community service and the assignment of a mentor," said GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard.

Under the proposal, a student receiving his or her third strike under the substance abuse policy would receive a one-year rather than a permanent ban (from extracurricular activities).

Pollard said while drug testing is random for all students

participating in extracurricular activities - ranging from athletics to music and theater to showing livestock through FFA - a student could be scheduled for testing if there was reasonable suspicion.

"Those are the major changes (proposed)," Pollard said.

Board member Cheyenne Kizer expressed her support.

"I like it - adding the community service and physical regimen (to the policy)," she said.

Board member Calvin Ford also expressed his support for the public service requirement.

Board member Jimmie Ferguson questioned why the district would consider adding a fourth strike instead of keeping the current three-strike system in place.

"It was considered more proactive - some (GISD staff) felt this was more fair," Pollard said. "Some districts give students six or seven strikes or clean the slate when a student moves from junior high to high school - we didn't want to do

that.

"I didn't want it to get too watered down, and this is still stringent."

Ferguson asked if rule changes were being considered to make allowances for gifted athletes, saying "that's not fair."

Ford said he understood Ferguson's concerns but thought changes might benefit students.

"I get what you're saying but these are kids, and they need help," Ford said. "Some districts don't even have a policy this strict, and you've got to give kids a chance."

"Three chances are enough," Ferguson said.

He added that he is "adamantly opposed to making the policy more lenient."

"You're giving them three chances - we need to teach them responsibility," Ferguson said. "If they have another chance,

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Leaird's focuses of quality, service



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A family-like environment is prominent at Leaird's. From left are Darcey Miller, Florentino Garcia, Nora Mayberry, Fidel De La Torre and Clay McClellan.

Store has been a community staple since 1898

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Since 1898, Leaird's Furniture has been a part of the Gatesville community, originally operating as a mercantile before changing its focus over the years to an emphasis on furniture and appliances.

It's keeping the same commitment to customer service that has helped the business thrive for 124 years and remain in the same family.

"My great-granddad (Byron Leaird) was the one who started this place," said Clay McClellan, who owns the store with his wife Carolyn.

Leaird, who lived in the Houston area, was looking for a better climate for his wife as well as business opportunities. He originally

looked in Waco before deciding to move to Gatesville.

"People told him that Gatesville was a boom town and that he should consider opening a business there," McClellan said.

Leaird took that advice and established The Racket Store, which offered hardware, dry goods and clothing. That business later became Leaird's Department Store before eventually becoming Leaird's Furniture.

"For a while the store carried the same types of clothing and shoes as Cox's (a well-known department store in Waco), but we finally ended up as a furniture business," McClellan said.

Different locations burned over the years, including in 1907 and

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Deputies detain illegals

Coryell County Sheriff's Office deputies interrupted a human smuggling operation and detained 12 people following a short pursuit early the morning of April 22 at Osage Road and State Highway 36.

Shortly after 3 a.m., deputies attempted to stop a 2004 Honda Pilot near Hay Valley Road for a traffic violation, according to Ron Morgan, chief deputy for the Coryell County Sheriff's office. The vehicle failed to yield, resulting in a high-speed pursuit that ended minutes later when the Honda came to a stop near Osage Road and 12 subjects rapidly exited the vehicle and ran on foot.

Deputies and Gatesville Police Department officers took three suspects into custody after a short foot pursuit.

A search continued throughout the morning for the nine subjects at-large, covering an area north of Gatesville.

All 12 suspects were captured and detained by 11 a.m.

Nine subjects, all of whom had illegally entered the United States from countries in South and Central America, were released to the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officials at the Coryell County Jail.

Three Guatemalan nationals, including the driver, were arrested and remained in custody at the Jail on the following charges:

The driver, Nelson Jose Ramirez Silva, 29, was charged with smuggling of persons, resisting arrest or search, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and evading arrest or detention; and Cesar Avila Augusto Avila, 33, and Alexander Siquita, 23, were both charged with evading arrest or detention.

The three men are being held on ICE detainers as well.

Gatesville Boys & Girls Club continues growing strong

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Consistent growth and progress would be a good way to describe the pattern the Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville has followed over the years.

Julie Hudson, director of the local Boys & Girls Club, presented an update and noted it had occupied four different locations temporarily before moving to its current location next to Gatesville Elementary School.

Hudson has seen plenty of changes since she took on her role with the organization in 2005.

"It's amazing to me how far we've come and we couldn't

have done it without strong support from the people of Gatesville," she said. "I'm thankful that we have earned the trust of the community."

The Boys & Girls Club has eight staff and an array of volunteers that help serve and mentor local children, offering special activities such as a garden club.

"Our average attendance is about 175 kids, and sometimes we have as many as 200," Hudson said. "I expect 200 for the summer, and we need to hire two more staff members to help with summer programming."

The Boys & Girls Club is down to one 14-passenger van for field trips, and she said thanks to a recent grant, that is one

of the areas that will be addressed.

Those attending the Boys & Girls Club will have a chance to enjoy plenty of activities on site, as well as visits to the city pool and city auditorium. For teenagers, there will be added opportunities to visit places like Top Golf in Waco and Summer Fun Water Park in Belton.

"We need reliable transportation and we're working on that," Hudson said.

From July 17-21, the Boys & Girls Club will have a music camp that will cost \$50 per person.

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GISD STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Gatesville ISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard stands with Callie Smith, who was honored during the Student Spotlight on April 18 during the GISD school board meeting. Callie earned a perfect 4.5 GPA during her first semester of high school. Teachers say in addition to her high academic achievement, she comes to class every day with a smile, is a dedicated athlete in tennis, helps tutor other students and has exceptional time management skills. Callie also has skills such as being able to help a newborn calf alive, ride a horse, grow an amazing garden and even jar her own food.

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GISD STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Gatesville ISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard stands with Lillis Cole, who was honored during the Staff Spotlight at the April 18 meeting of the district's board of trustees. Cole has been a teacher for GISD for 19 years and has been in education for 33 years. Before that, she served in the United States Air Force Reserves for five years as a computer operator for a communication squadron, where she earned the rank of staff sergeant. Cole teaches computer and technology courses at Gatesville Elementary teaching essential technology skills and also helps students with math facts and strategies. She also helps record and produce weekly video announcements.

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kids will keep on doing what they're doing. They're not dumb." Pollard said he was fine with whatever decision the board wanted to make. Board President Charles Ament said when the University Interscholastic League first enacted the random drug testing policy, it had a strong impact, but over the years, its effectiveness as a deterrent

seems to have diminished. Pollard said the district works with Righteous Roots, a local crisis resource center, when a student needs help with rehabilitation. Ament asked how many students tested positive through the GISD drug testing procedure. "Is it six or seven, or is it 20?" he asked. Scott Harper, assistant superintendent of administrative services for the district, said it was less than 10 out of 1,000 tests. Pollard said there was also some

debate among staff when policy changes were considered. "The athletic director and assistant athletic director are very staunch supporters (of the current policy) and didn't want to lessen the penalties," he said. "Some of the counselors and social workers had favored the changes in order to focus on rehabilitation. "I think our current system is good, I don't see any holes." Pollard suggested the item be tabled, meaning no action be taken and the proposal be added to a fu-

ture board agenda. "The issue for me - is this going to help solve our problem?" Ament asked. "It's an age-old problem - how do you solve it?" Pollard said. "It's like trying to stop all sin." Kizer said it was getting help that would help students, not adding an extra chance. "I've looked at other districts, and felt like Gatesville is one of the strictest ones," Ford said. Board member Linda Maxwell said it wasn't just a matter of the

impact the policy has on a student's school year, but on his or her life. "You're dealing with kids, whose mindset is not like adults," Ford said. "I see so many kids I work with, and my motto is to do what's best for the kids. I don't want to throw them away, because if you throw them away, they're done." "It's a hot-button topic," Pollard said. "If we had a crystal ball for the best outcome, we'd choose it every time."

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then during World War II, but each time the business was rebuilt. Office Manager Darcey Miller said the store's commitment to high quality and superior customer service - treating customers like neighbors and family - is what has helped the store succeed. "Through the years we could not have grown to the business we are today without our return and new customers," Miller said. "We pride ourselves on our small town values and strive to treat every customer like family. That includes providing quality furniture to the community." McClellan said the store's employees have also played a big role in its success. "The people who work here are like family, and they've contributed a lot to our success," McClellan said. "We've had a lot of people work here over 30 years, and we had one who worked here for 62

years." Miller said she is thankful for the way the McClellans appreciate and value their employees. "As an employee, I can say that they treat every one of us like we're family," she said. "That's what I love about working here. It really has grown to be a family." Leaird's sells well-known brands such as Flexsteel, La-Z Boy, Ashley, Tempur-Pedic and Sealy, and also Simply Amish, which offers 100% American-made products from American and Canadian woods that are built the old-fashioned way, by hand. That combination of quality products and focus on customer service is a recipe for Leaird's longevity and success. "I like making people happy," McClellan said. "It's great to be able to sell them what they need at a good price - providing good value and high quality. It's very gratifying knowing customers are happy and satisfied with the products." While rising fuel costs have

had an impact, Leaird's is still providing free delivery for most products sold to customers in Coryell County and many surrounding areas. "We really are dedicated to helping take care of people the best that we can, and we try to get them the items as quickly as we possibly can," McClellan said. Shortages with some items have resulted in some delays - which are supply-chain related and affect businesses everywhere - but if Leaird's has an item in stock - even in the showroom - they will make every attempt to make sure the customers get items as soon as possible, Miller and McClellan said. "We enjoy helping people however we can," McClellan said. "We're thankful for the opportunity to do our best for our customers." Leaird's is located at 108 S. Sixth St. in Gatesville, on the Coryell County Courthouse square. For more information, visit www.leairdsfurniture.com or the Leaird's Facebook page.

Congratulations, R'Lue Gribble!

We recently had our Annual Awards Banquet and R'Lue Gribble was unable to attend. Our President, Director of Operations and Assistant of Operations, visited our facility yesterday to make sure she received her award! She is one of the longest employees at Hillside with almost 30 years of hard work and dedication as a loving and giving nurse! We appreciate all you have done and still do for our residents, their families and your coworkers! Congratulations to Mrs. R'Lue Gribble!

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"In the summer we will have Mindful Mornings with an emphasis on learning and exercises," Hudson said. "We will also have a theme week in the afternoons and the kids always enjoy that." The club has experienced quite a bit of transition since the COVID-19 pandemic began. "We lost a lot of staff with COVID," she said. "We have three staff left over from before COVID, and four are new," Hudson said. "We are lucky in Gatesville that there are some good families with great kids, but some of them have been through a lot and it's important that we teach them how to respond (to challenges)." In addition to boosting available transportation, Hudson said there are plenty of things she has earmarked for the \$450,000 grant the club received, a portion of a

larger donation that Mackenzie Scott made to Central Texas Boys & Girls Clubs. "Hopefully we'll be able to get a couple of new vans, make some building updates, improve the sound system, add trees and rebuild the parking lot," she said. "The gift was a huge blessing. Our building is 10 years old and some upkeep is needed." Additional funds for the operation of the club come from donations, proceeds from the Boys & Girls Club Resale Shop and a grant from the Office of Juvenile Programs. The OJP grants help with materials that help children learn and reinforce good behavior. The proceeds from the resale shop are a consistent financial lifeline for the Boys & Girls Club. "We had no idea how that would take off," Hudson said. "It's been great. They have a wonderful staff and volunteers who do such a great job." She said income from the

shop generates \$30,000 to \$45,000 per month for the Boys & Girls Club. With three buildings on site, including the original building, a gym and a teen center, having a good sound system is important. "We have struggled with communication because of (problems with the current sound system)," Hudson said. "We're trying to get somebody to come in and work so we have a good working sound system connecting the three buildings." Volunteers are always needed, she said. "Some of the younger kids struggle with reading, so we need people to read to them or who can listen to the kids read," Hudson said. "We also need volunteers to work with teenagers. We have a ton of junior high kids right now." For more information about the Boys & Girls Club, visit <https://www.bgctx.org/BoysandGirlsClubofGatesville/BoysandGirlsClubofGatesville>.



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PROVIDING HOPE: Pictured from left are Michael Angelo, current men's resident who works with product sales; Marshall McDaniel, former worker with men's recovery and now a city employee; Tica McDaniel, recovery coordinator at the women's home in Gustine; and Pastor Ed Chapman, who along with his wife, Christy, run Hope House in Hamilton.

Morris Federation presents program on Hope House

At their April meeting, members of The Morris Federation learned about Hope House, a completely free faith-based recovery home run by Pastor Ed Chapman and his wife, Christy. About 20 men at a time are accommodated in Hamilton's facilities, and about eight women at a time are housed in Gustine.

Pastor Chapman explained that "through Bible study, prayer, and discipleship, our goal is to equip our residents with a strong spiritual foundation with which they can rebuild their lives/ministry." They want to "bring men and women, bound by the chains of addiction, out of bondage" so they can enjoy addiction-free lives.

There are rules for being admitted to the program, such as no nicotine, no drugs or substance abuse, no cell phones, etc. A typical program may run for up to 18 months. The first three months involve the recovery program, evaluations and individuals work to get free from their addiction. The next three and a half months are spent learning how to function in the home. Following that, three months of learning how to function in society with a job, with a family, and within a community. The remaining eight months involve a transition program where residents get a job, earn money, and save for when they leave the program. All along the way, Bi-

ble studies, recovery meetings, peer support, volunteer work, anger management coping and job training are essential parts of the training.

Hope House has a commercial kitchen for training. Residents prepare beef jerky (about 300-400 pounds per week) and peanut, pecan or jalapeño brittle (about 2,000 packages per week) for sale. At the Vessels of Hope Pottery Studio, the women make pottery candle holders (they cannot keep up with orders even producing 100 per day), and Coldwater candles are prepared in glass jars (making several 100 per day). Sales of these items support Hope House.

FIELD DAY FUNDRAISER



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A bake sale fundraiser was recently held for the Gatesville Adaptive Sports Field Day. The sale was held at J&M Hill Country Bar-B-Q. Proceeds from the sale will go to benefit the Gatesville Adaptive Sports group. The field day is scheduled for May 14 at Faunt Le Roy Park walking trail.

Splash park and city pool to open soon

The Gatesville Parks and Recreation Department recently announced that the Splash Park, located at Raby Park, will open on Monday, May 2. The Splash Park's hours of operation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. daily. Ad-

mission is free.

The Gatesville City Pool will be open to the public on Saturday, May 21. Their hours of operation will be Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., closed on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursday 12 p.m. to 8

p.m., Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information about the Gatesville City Pool or the Splash Park, please call 254-865-4012.

PEARL NEWS

If you missed the Pearl Flea Market, you really missed out

BETSY CLARK

If you missed the annual Pearl Flea Market on April 23, you missed some great deals and some awesome food in the Pearl Community Center kitchen. A little birdie (actually, several little birdies) told me that Rhonda Garrett, our own version of the fabulous Julia Child (but better and more southern), knocked it out of the park with her captivating Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti, her blissful biscuits and sausage, and her sublime soft tacos. Everyone wishes to thank Rhonda for going above and beyond to make the kitchen concession a great success. They also wish to thank the Pearl Church of Christ for the delicious fried chicken—always a Texan's favorite at most any kind of event. And of course, no Pearl event is complete without Kay's Amazing Chicken Salad Sandwiches. Thank you to everyone who brought food and worked in the kitchen—I hear it was all outstanding.

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore wishes to thank everyone who came by to visit and shop while the bookstore was open during the Flea Market. Linda and Corlisa said it was so good to see everyone, and they appreciate that our dear customers made the drive to Pearl to support the bookstore and its charities. Also, everyone missed seeing Kay during this event as she is still at home recovering from hip surgery. Michelle brought Kay's succulents, though, and

as always, they were a hit. It is absolutely wonderful to report that Kay is getting better every day.

Additionally, the Pearl Community Center wishes to thank all the vendors who set up their booths/trailers/trunks during the Flea Market. The report is that the vendors did well and are looking forward to next year. If you didn't get to come to Pearl for the Flea Market this year, we hope you will plan on next year's Flea Market.

Unfortunately, I did not get to go to the Flea Market this year as I am at home recovering from my first cataract surgery. The sweet nurse that did my IV (she didn't even hurt me) asked me if I was the person who wrote the bikini stories. Wow! I didn't know anyone actually read my catterwauling, but then several other nurses asked me when I was going to update the bikini's shenanigans. Well, this just happens to be the perfect time since this unrelenting wind just blew in a few moanings and groanings from the framed atrocity. (Could be I'm experiencing after-effects of the anesthesia, though.) What I'm hearing is that it wants OUT of that blasted frame and let loose upon the world to perform its mischief and mayhem during the summer months. The bookstore may need to hire a bikini guard just to keep the darned thing contained. I think I heard that the teeny weeny, turquoise greeny stringy bikini is a big



Clark

draw to lure, I mean attract, customers. Maybe the Book Cottage can recruit models to wear the ridiculous rig during store hours? That would both appease the terrible two-piece and draw in more clientele, right, Marilyn and Misti? Or should we hire one of Kay's cats since it is known as the bikini only big enough to fit a cat. Or... even better... maybe Kay will do it. After all of her physical therapy, I hear she's in excellent shape and could rock that rig like no one else. How about it, Kay? (Disclaimer—this is actually "fake news," so don't go hiring any hitmen, Mrs. Pruett. It wouldn't stand up in court!) There's no place like Pearl.

"Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high." Hebrews 1:3
Contact me at betsyclark47@yahoo.com to submit any Pearl news.

Mound Cemetery meeting Saturday

The Mound Cemetery Association will hold a meeting on Saturday, April 30 at 12:15 p.m. at the cemetery.

Those attending are asked to bring a lawn chair.

Anyone interested in donating to the association can

mail donations to: Mound Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 177, Mound, Texas 76528

Martin Pena fundraiser underway

Martin Pena, a 1981 graduate of Gatesville High School, was in an auto accident in Dallas County on Nov. 15. The accident left him with a spinal cord injury and some

paralysis.

Donations made will help with rehabilitation and the purchase of equipment he will need.

A GoFundMe page has

been created in Pena's name and those wishing to help with a financial donation can visit the GoFundMe website inserting Martin Pena's name.

Whatever happened to...

TWENTY YEARS AGO (2002)

Homer Davis was named "Lion of the Year" during the Lions Club annual awards banquet. Davis had been a Lion for about 30 years, and it was his second time to receive the honor. He had previously been named Lion of the Year in 1996.

Tanner Bates and Ila Mae Avidia were named Mr. and Miss GHS at the 29th annual pageant held in the Gatesville High School auditorium.

A groundbreaking ceremony was being held for the new Gatesville Public Library at the building site which was in the 100 block of North 8th Street, across from the Gatesville City Hall.

THIRTY YEARS AGO (1992)

Showing at the Cinema in Gatesville was the movie "Straight Talk" starring Dolly Parton and James Woods. Charges for the indoor cinema was \$2.50 and the drive-in was \$5 per carload. Gatesville High's Coby

Jones and Cody Lee had qualified for the Texas High School Rodeo Finals by virtue of their efforts through a series of rodeos involving Region 10 competitors. The THS Rodeo Finals were scheduled to be held in Abilene.

The Hornet's Nest, Gatesville High School student newspaper publication, received one of the state's top journalism honors at the Interscholastic League Press Conference held in Austin.

FORTY YEARS AGO (1982)

Shelly Riley, the 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Riley, was scheduled to participate in the Cyclethon to benefit the American Heart Association. Shelly and other participants were seeking pledges for the 10-mile ride.

The construction of a new \$80,000 Dairy Queen was underway with the delivery of custom-made steel girders to frame the building. Construction had been de-

layed due to the late arrival of building supplies.

Mike Baize, Risa Swammer and Marilyn Alderson were three Gatesville Independent School District faculty members who were given \$100 cash scholarships by the Gatesville Educators Association for summer studies.

FIFTY YEARS AGO (1972)

Phil H. Zeigler was one of more than 300 students who were tentative candidates for the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas School of Law at Austin.

W.H. (Bill) Donaldson, Coryell County school superintendent, was elevated to the presidency of the Gatesville Lions Club. Donaldson was to succeed Bob Cummings as president.

Mrs. Mary Grubb was celebrating her 86th birthday on April 20. Those who joined her in the celebration were Mrs. J.O. Winslar, Mrs. May Mayberry and Mrs. Vida Haines.

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BRINGING AWARENESS



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Employees at the Coryell County Courthouse recently showed their support for the National Child Abuse Prevention month by wearing matching T-shirts. The shirts were inscribed with the words "peace, love and protect". Blue ribbons were also placed on trees around the courthouse in honor of Child Abuse Prevention month.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of April 20 -23. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

April 20
 4:15 a.m., a utility pole down was reported in the 7800 block of N. State Highway 36.
 8:55 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 10000 block of S. Highway 36.
 2:10 p.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 16000 block of FM 107.
 7:28 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of S. Levita Road.
 8:57 p.m., an accident was reported in the 100 block of N. State Highway 36.

April 21
 12:10 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1100 block of Golf Course Road.
 12:37 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2400 block of Business Highway 36.
 12:39 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2400 block of Business Highway 36.
 4:56 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 900 block of S. Lovers Lane.
 6:46 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 1400 block of Mills Street.
 6:59 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Osage Road.

April 22
 8:17 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of N. 28th Street.

9:47 a.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of Old Osage Road.
 10:16 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Powell Farm Road.
 3:22 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 2100 block of E. Leon Street.
 7:28 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1100 block of Westview Drive.
 8:58 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. 30th Street.

April 23
 2:40 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Gateway Circle.
 11:08 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.
 2:11 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 400 block of CR 385.
 2:28 p.m., an accident was reported in the 200 block of N. 34th Street.
 3:31 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 3000

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block of S. State Highway 36.
 11:32 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Andrews Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

April 20
 6:20 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of E. Leon Street.
 9:00 a.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 10000 block of S. Highway 36.
 9:40 a.m., illegal dumping was reported on Snow Road.
 3:13 p.m., an abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of Straws Mill Road.
 6:51 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Cactus Lane.
 8:53 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported on Old Pipeline Road.

April 21
 12:15 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of CR 347.
 11:23 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 500 block of Liberty Street.
 2:25 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of Reno Road.
 3:12 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 185 and CR 269.
 4:27 p.m., the theft of a firearm was reported in the 100 block of CR 262.

5:39 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Julia Drive.

April 22
 8:42 a.m., an assault was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.
 9:22 a.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 2900 block of Osage Road.
 3:22 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on N. Hwy. 36 at Pruitt's.
 3:41 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of Shell Mountain Road.
 10:35 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 1200 block of FM 182.
 11:25 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 400 block of Thomas Street.

April 23
 12:01 a.m., a minor accident was reported on Clark and Highway 190.
 5:34 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Apache Road.
 12:30 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 3200 block of FM 1113.
 4:05 p.m., the theft of a firearm was reported in the 2100 block of Hay Valley Road.
 5:51 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 215.
 11:17 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1500 block of Quail Meadow Drive.

CENTEX CRIME STOPPERS

Truck stolen from Leon St.

Centex Crime Stoppers can use your help in solving a case of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle, and Unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle which occurred in the 1900 block of E. Leon St. sometime between 4 a.m. and 6:15 a.m., on the morning of April 20, 2022. An unknown person entered a 2005 black Dodge truck and drove off without the effective consent of the vehicle's owner. Inside the truck was also a Ruger 9mm pistol and a 30-30 lever action rifle.

The suspect approached the vehicle on a bicycle before entering the vehicle and leaving an address located in the 1900 block of E. Leon St.

If you have any information about any case or any local crime, call Centex Crime Stoppers 24 hours a day at 1-254-865-8477 (TIPS) or visit our website at www.Centexcrimestoppers.org or by downloading the "P3" mobile app available on both the Apple app store and Google Play Store. You never have to give your name, and if your information leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward.

Crime Stoppers, citizens, police and the media working together can make our community a safer place to live. Together we can make a difference.

Turnersville Homecoming May 29

On Sunday, May 29, join friends and renew memories at the Tabernacle for the 65th Turnersville Homecoming. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and those interested are invited to visit, have coffee before the memorial service at 11 a.m. Dinner on the grounds will follow the program at the Community Center. Dinnerware, drinks and bread will be provided. Those attending are encouraged to bring favorite dishes and stay after the meal, renew friendships, and catch up on all that has passed during the two Homecomings missed since the COVID-19 pandemic.

cooperation and your clean mental and moral attitudes, You, the high school students of today will be our leaders of tomorrow, and no other generation of youth in history has been confronted with social, economic and political problems more far reaching than that of today.

One of the most treasured traditions is to honor veterans who have proudly served our community and our nation. A faithful group at Turnersville will again place flags on the graves of those we honor.

"It is my hope that your experience at Turnersville High School will help you meet these problems and make you good law-abiding citizens."

"Sincerely, James B. Jones, Superintendent"

George W. (G.W.) Smith will be the speaker at the homecoming. G.W. grew up on Creek Road and was a graduate of the class of 1956.

Those unable to attend and would like to make a donation to either to the Cemetery Memorial or Maintenance Fund may do so to Memorial Fund Treasurer, James Marvin Baize, 2320 CR 108, Gatesville, TX 76528 or to the Maintenance Fund Treasurer, Nancy McKnown Gilmore, 8070 FM 182, Gatesville, TX 76528.

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400-500 lb.	135-160
500-600 lb.	130-155
600-700 lb.	125-145
700-800 lb.	115-135
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Thin & Shelly	35-55
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SWEET SOUND OF VICTORY: GHS Choir director Cherith Wells displays trophies won at the UIL competition.

GHS Choir brings home awards

The GISD Varsity Mixed choir brings home Division 1 Superior ratings in Concert and Division 2 Excellent ratings in Sightreading - with 5 being the lowest score. The Varsity Treble choir brought home Sweepstakes - meaning Superior in both. Online UIL records go back to 1995, and GHS has not had a Varsity Treble Choir

as far back as those records go. Records also show that GHS has never taken two Varsity Choirs to UIL, and GHS has never before had a Sweepstakes with a Treble Choir (either varsity or non-varsity). This was their first in-person UIL competition since 2019.

Live Oak Baptist to host car show

The first annual Live Oak Baptist Church Car Show will be held on Saturday, April 30, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Live Oak Baptist Church. All proceeds will benefit LOBC youth so that they can attend church camp. This will be a family fun event including food, drinks and a bounce house. The entry fee will be \$25, and trophies will be awarded.

For more information, contact Star Hamilton at 254-493-7526 or Greg Casey at 254-206-0056. Those interested in participating in the car show can register using the following link: <https://sites.google.com/view/lobccarshow/home>. The church is located at 113 FM 107.

OFF THE SHELVES

Children's Book Week

FAYE NICHOLS
Library Director



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Join us May 2-8 as we celebrate the first Children's Book Week of 2022. Established in 1919, Children's Book Week is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Every year, young people across the country participate by attending events at schools, libraries, bookstores, celebrating at home, and engaging with book creators both online and in person. The 2022 Children's Book Week will take place during two dedicated weeks of celebration - May 2-8 and November 7-13.

Children's Book Week originated in the belief that children's books and literacy are life-changers. In 1913, Franklin K. Matthews, the librarian of the Boy Scouts of America, began touring the country to promote higher standards in children's books. He proposed creating a Children's Book Week, which would be supported by all interested groups: publishers, booksellers and librarians.

Matthews enlisted two important allies: Frederic G. Melcher, the visionary editor of Publishers Weekly who believed that "a great nation is a reading nation," and Anne Carroll Moore, the Superintendent of Children's Works at the New York Public Library and a major figure in the library world. With the help of Melcher and Moore, in 1916, the American Booksellers Association and the American Library Association sponsored a Good Book Week with the Boy Scouts of America. In 2008, Children's Book Week moved from November to May, and now we celebrate twice. The 100th anniversary of Children's Book week was celebrated in 2019.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Monday, May 2 - 3 p.m., Fiber Arts for Everyone - Are you experienced in your medium, just beginning or want to learn? Come gather, visit, and work on projects. Share ideas and expertise. Knitters, crocheters, quilters and all other forms of fiber artists are welcome.

Tuesday, May 3 - 6 p.m., Mystery Book Club - The group will be discussing "A Borrowing of Bones" and "Blind Search" by Paula Munier.

Tuesday, May 10 - 6 p.m., Coryell County Genealogical Society. Everyone is welcome.

Monday, May 16 - Fiber Arts for Everyone

Tuesday, May 17 - 6 p.m., Colors & Coffee coloring group for adults.

Tuesday, May 24 - 10 a.m., Books Sandwiched In Book Club

Every Wednesday - 11 a.m., Storytime. Join us for stories, songs and crafts! Groups for pre-K and elementary ages.

Every Wednesday - 1 p.m., Mad Matters plarn party. Learn to crochet plastic grocery bags into sleep mats for the homeless. The bags are cut into strips and joined together to make "plarn."

To find the latest great reads, come by the library. We also have a great selection of eBooks and eAudio available in our digital collection that you can check out with the Libby by Overdrive app. We can also borrow titles from other libraries all across the United States, so if we don't have the book you need, we can most likely get it through interlibrary loan. Be sure to keep an eye on our website at gatesvilletx.com/library for the latest news and our events calendar. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram @gateslib. For questions or more information, please call the library at 254-865-5367 or email me at fnichols@gatesvilletx.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

BEE BLESSED: Pamela Evetts of Bee Blessed Farms is shown speaking to the CRSP members about the importance of bees.

CRSP receives presentation on bees

Members of the Coryell Retired School Personnel (CRSP) recently enjoyed a program presented by Pamela Evetts of Bee Blessed Farms in Gatesville. She began her presentation by explaining the importance of honeybees. First, they are the only insect that produces food that humans can consume. And secondly, they are an important pollinator for about a third of the fruit and vegetable crops that are grown.

She explained that a working hive may consist of 40,000 - 60,000 bees, of which there are three kinds: the queen, the drones and the workers. There is only one queen to a hive, and within a week after she emerges from her special cell, she mates with up to 15-17 drones. If she is successful, she never has to mate again and may lay up to 1,500 - 2,500 eggs per day. She may live up to five years, laying as many as a million eggs in her lifetime.

The drones (males) come from unfertilized eggs. They may comprise 15% of the hive, but they have no responsibilities other than mating. They are ready to

mate about a week after emerging from their cells, but those involved in mating die soon afterwards. They do not have stingers.

The worker bees are extremely busy, and their lifespan is only around 5-6 weeks. Some of them are "nurse" bees, who take care of the young, and the "queen's attendant" workers who bathe and feed the queen and take care of her every need. "Guard" bees stand watch at the entrance of the hive. "Cleaning" bees keep the hive immaculate and remove the dead. "Construction workers," usually the youngest bees, produce the beeswax for the honeycomb, where eggs are laid and honey is stored. "Foragers" make several trips to and from the hive each day, moving perhaps amongst as many as a hundred flowers in order to collect enough pollen. Hard-working bees may only have a life expectancy of three weeks.

For more information on Bee Blessed Farm and about buying handmade and home-grown products, contact Pat Evetts at 254-206-0184 or contact her at pamelaevetts@gmail.com.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Freedom of the Press

The Founding Fathers of the United States believed so strongly in the importance of a free press, that they protected that right in the First Amendment of the Constitution. There were 10 Amendments, or additions, added to the Constitution in 1791.

To find out how many Amendments have been added since 1791, color the spaces with two dots red.

Weekly Writing Corner

World Press Freedom Day

Replace the missing words.

RISKS REPORT JOURNALISTS RIGHT CONTROL FREE

May 3rd is World Press Freedom Day. People around the world will celebrate the importance of a free press to a democracy.

Freedom of the press gives _____ the right to _____ the truth with a promise that they will not be punished for doing their job by the government.

Freedom of the press also means that people have the _____ to express their opinions or beliefs in publications.

In certain countries, that is not the case.

Where the Press Isn't Free

Sadly, some governments _____ what newspapers and other media can say. Newspapers are not _____ to write about many events.

Journalists around the world take great _____ to get facts and important news and information to all people. Far too many have died doing this.

Write an article about something you did or saw recently. Include at least three FACTS. Remember to include WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and WHY, too.

WRITE THE HEADLINE:

By: _____ your name

Write the article here (or use a separate sheet of paper):

Draw a map showing where the event happened:

Double Double Word Search

JOURNALIST Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

FOUNDING
FREEDOM
FATHERS
PROMISE
PROVEN
WORLD
PRESS
TRUTH
RIGHT
FACTS
MEDIA
FEELS
READ

F O U N D I N G P E
A R R F A C T S P S
T O E D F H R M R I
H M A E G I U E O M
E E E I D S T D V O
R L R L E O H I E R
S P R E S S M A N P
J O U R N A L I S T
W S N O I N I P O S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

A Day to Reflect and Remember

World Press Freedom Day is a day to think about the importance of a free press and to remember those who have fought and sacrificed for the press to be free.

Good article! People need to read this because _____

I disagree! This should not be in the newspaper because _____

Facts Help People Understand the World

There are many difficult and confusing things going on in the world. Sometimes it is hard to know what to think. One tip is to look for the **FACTS**. (Example: *The house is red* is a fact. *The house is beautiful* is an opinion.)

FACTS are pieces of information based upon things that can be measured, proven or seen by anyone.

OPINIONS describe how someone feels about a thing or event. Opinions can vary from person to person.

Circle the FACTS in GREEN. Circle the OPINIONS in RED.

Tomás is a fast reader.	The apple weighs 5 ounces.	Trees are prettier in the summer than in the fall.	The movie was filmed on location in Canada.
Tomás can read 100 words in 30 seconds.	The apple tastes good.	Trees need water and sunlight to grow.	The funniest scenes you'll ever see are in this movie.

Standards Link: Literacy: Differentiate between fact and opinion.

Journalism Careers

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- editorial page editor
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Saturday, April 30 only, 8am-1pm, 715 FM 2412. Women's clothes, kitchen appliances, and lots of misc. Cancel if raining. 00029275

070 LAND & LOTS

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099 PUBLIC NOTICES

Application is being made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit by Dolgencorp of Texas, Inc. d/b/a Dollar General Store #23505 located at 11401 N State HWY 36, Jonesboro, Coryell County, TX 76538. Officers of said Corporation are Steven R. Deckard, CEO, John Garratt, CFO, and Emily C. Taylor, Secretary. 00029262

099 PUBLIC NOTICES

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TO: DECEDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN MICHAEL MCGUIRE, DECEASED, CAUSE NO 22-10639, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. GARY YOUNG FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 2022, AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP OF SAID JOHN MICHAEL MCGUIRE, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2022 AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

JENNIFER NEWTON
CORYELL COUNTY CLERK
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: K. HANGST
DEPUTY CLERK
00029274

099 PUBLIC NOTICES

No. 20-10288

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JANET KAY SANDEFUR aka JANET KAY YOST, Deceased, were issued on the 31st day of March, 2022, in Docket No. 20-10288, pending in the County Court of CORYELL County, Texas, to DANIELLE M. PHOMSOPHA.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

DANIELLE M. PHOMSOPHA, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATRIX
ESTATE OF JANET KAY SANDEFUR aka JANET KAY YOST, DECEASED
MICHALK, BEATTY & ALCOZER, L.P.
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KILLEEN, TEXAS 76542

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 14th day of April, 2022.

JAY R. BEATTY
Attorney for the Estate
00029272

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS ON COUNTY ROADS

Pursuant to Texas Transportation Code §251.152, Coryell County, hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on May 10, 2022, in the Coryell County Commissioners' Courtroom, at 800 E. Main St., Suite A, Gatesville, Texas, to receive public input on proposed traffic regulations, being modified speed limits on County Roads, within Coryell County, Texas, to include:

- CR 128: 40 MPH
- CR 142: 30 mph from FM 116, 2.4 miles
- CR 262: 35 mph
- CR 267: 40 mph
- CR 268: 40 mph
- CR 334: 35 mph
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A few of the cast members of *The Karate Nerd* include (from left) Preston Tunello, Tyleigh Donnel (from Hamilton), Cris Cole, Marlee Ward (from Gatesville), and Billy Anderson.

Meet & Greet for Karate Nerd movie held at The Junction on 36

Residents of Gatesville and the surrounding area recently turned out to a meet-and-greet event held at The Junction on Route 36 to learn more about the upcoming movie, *The Karate Nerd*, that is scheduled to be

filmed in Gatesville in the upcoming months. The picture's director/producer, MYC Agnew, spoke to those assembled about the movie and encouraged anyone interested in being in the film, to sign a roster with their

name, contact information, and what they are interested in. More than 20 people provided names and contact information. The star of the movie, Gatesville's own Cris Cole, said "as far as the anxiousness about (filming) the movie, there is no anxiousness. I'm just ready to go." Cris continued to comment about the movie saying, "I'm more focused on my individual karma by God's grace, but now it's all about the family and a community."

The meet-and-greet event encouraged people to become ambassadors to inform the public about the movie project. "Our next phase in the next six months is that ambassadors can spread the word to bring in more (local) people," Agnew said. Those interested in being a part of the film's production, including featured extras, can contact the director, MYC Agnew at mycagnew@gmail.com.

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Gatesville golfer competes at regionals

Avery Streetman of Gatesville High School shot a 107 on Day two of the 4A Region I golf tournament, following up on a first-

day score of 105 to finish with a 212 score overall. The regional tournament was held at Shadow Hills Golf Course in Lubbock.

AREA SPORTS ROUNDUP

A look at some of the sports highlights for area teams:

Jonesboro

The Lady Eagle softball team will face Gordon in a playoff game at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 28 in Dublin.

Oglesby

The Tiger track team had athletes qualify for regional competition in the following events: 800 m Kelly De La Torre; 1600 m Jayda Gonzalez; 200m Heaven Roddy; high jump Kyler Fossett.

AREA FISHING REPORT

Belton
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 67 degrees; 3.70 feet low. Lake Belton white bass fishing is off the charts right now, and should continue to be excellent through late May. As fish metabolism rises with water temperature, the fish are feeding even under non-ideal weather conditions. A reliable shallow water bite is taking place each morning, fueled by spawning threadfin shad, then fish are transitioning out to deeper water as the skies brighten. For the first time since the spring warmup, the MAL Heavy Lure used vertically is now out-producing slabs. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

Stillhouse Hollow
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 68 degrees; 3.79 feet low. The upper third of Stillhouse, which was muddied after the previous week's tornadic storms, has cleared. The hydrilla is at the low point in its annual cycle, but will be greening and growing very soon. Largemouth bass fishing along the deep outer edge of the hydrilla in the lower two-thirds of the lake is providing consistent success on dark, natural colored

soft plastics. Working spinnerbaits and lipless crankbaits over the grass is also producing fish under low-light conditions. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

Waco
GOOD. Water stained; 68-70 degrees; 5.18 feet low. The crappie were biting in 2-4 feet of water on minors or soft plastic crappie lure in electric chicken with a chartreuse 1/16 ounce jig heads under a small cork about a foot and a half down. The shad spawn has started and the largemouth and white bass are feeding heavy early morning. Topwaters, spinnerbaits and squarebills will get the job done early and then switch to flipping or finesse later in the day when things die down. White bass and hybrids are getting back to the main lake and will be feeding heavy early with the largemouth during the shad spawn. Catfish are full of eggs mixed in with the crappie shallow. Report by Justin Priscock, Priscock's Fishing Guide Service. Fish are moving back out to the main lake from the river in 3-12 feet of water using crappie rods with a 1/16 Slab City jig. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N

Jerk Guide Service.
Whitney
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 65 degrees; 2.41 feet low. Striped bass are good using live bait and artificials, such as swimbaits and umbrella rigs, in 20-40 feet of water. Striped bass can be caught throughout the reservoir. Report provided by Kraig Sexton, Sexton's Guide Service LLC.

Brownwood
SLOW. Water stained; 62-65 degrees; 2.79 feet low. Bass are good with catches up to 7.5 pounds on jigs, crankbaits and spinnerbaits in 1-10 feet of water. Crappie are excellent with catches just under two pounds on minnow imitation soft plastics in 3-9 feet of water. White bass are excellent on crankbaits and swimbaits on rock in 2-6 feet of water.

Buchanan
FAIR. Water lightly stained; 66-70 degrees; 5.05 feet low. Bass are excellent in backs of coves, find the shad and you will find the fish shallow. Striped bass are good with topwaters and swimbaits. White bass are good with some topwater action and using jiggging spoons. Crappie are good on brush piles with minnows.

GHS track has strong showing at area

The Gatesville High School varsity boys and girls track teams both had strong showings at the 5-4A/6-4A area meet in Brownwood.

The Hornet boys finished by accumulating 81 points and second overall in the 11-team field, qualifying 11 spots for regional. The Hornet girls totaled 71 points to

finish fourth overall and qualified in eight spots for regional.

The top four finishers advance to regional competition, which will be Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30 in Lubbock at Texas Tech University.

Boys results

Ashtyn Culley was third in long jump and sixth in high jump; Evan

Hanson second in discus and second in shot put; Carlo Martinez first in 3200 and 1600; Kyle Shafer sixth in triple jump; Camden Galindo fourth in long jump; Angel Al-mendariz fifth in 3200; Luis Macias first in 800 and second in 1600; Jeffrey Tesar sixth in 800; Jacob Baker fourth in 300 hurdles; Wesley Brown fourth in 200; Cory Burns

fifth in 200; team of Ricky Villagrana, Rayshon Smith, Adrian Smith and Baker, sixth in 4 x 100 relay; team of Tyler Shea, Sean Aguilar, Martinez and Herbelin fourth, in 4 x 400 relay.

Girls results

Barrett Boyd was first in high jump and 100 hurdles, second in pole vault; Vania Martinez first in

3200 and 1600; Bethany Penrod second in 800 and fourth in 1600; Lauren Stuard third in 100 and sixth in triple jump; Addison Taylor fifth in high jump; team of Lacy Campos, Paige Sentillas, Boyd and Martinez fifth in 4 x 400 relay.

The top two entries in regionals in each event qualify for the Class 4A state meet May 12 in Austin.

Lady Hornets rock Glen Rose, 11-1, on Senior Night

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Gatesville Lady Hornets capped off the regular season with an inspired effort in an 11-1 rocking of the Glen Rose Lady Tigers on April 22 to close out district play.

It was a fitting way to honor the team's eight seniors - including seven players and the team manager - on a windy Senior Night celebration. Team seniors are: left fielder Kinsey Gardner; first basemen Bella Perry and Cera Touchet; second baseman Riann Tippit; center fielder Kalli Robinette; third baseman McKenzie Feldman; outfielder Kaylan Vega; and manager Avery Mullins.

The Lady Hornets overcame a slow starting which Glen Rose took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning by erupting for four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and six runs in the fifth. The team scored another run in the sixth to secure an 11-1 win, ending the contest early thanks to their 10-run lead.

"I'm very proud of the girls," said coach Andrea Holbrook. "We started out slow but that's kind of the way we are. It takes a little bit to get things running but once we do it's contagious - the energy is contagious."

Pitcher Kallie Featherston



Gatesville High School softball coach Andrea Holdbrook stands with seniors Bella Perry, Riann Tippit, Kinsey Gardner, Kalli Robinette, McKenzie Feldman, Cera Touchet and Kaylan Vega before the team's game against Glen Rose. Not pictured is team manager Avery Mullins, who is also a senior.

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went the distance on the mound for Gatesville, pitching her way out of a couple tight spots and earning the win.

"I want to give kudos to

our freshman pitcher," Holbrook said. "She didn't pitch like a freshman tonight. The first time we played Glen Rose they were hitting her pitches pretty hard.

She came back tonight and pitched a great game like an upperclassman.

"Our seniors up and down the lineup smashed the ball. Overall, it was a great night

for the team."

After a warm-up game against Connally on Monday, The Lady Hornets are scheduled to face Burk Burnett in the playoffs at 5 p.m.

Friday, April 29 at Mineral Wells High School. If a tie-breaker game is needed, GHS will play Burk Burnett on Saturday, April 30 at Mineral Wells.

Hornets fall to Yellow Jackets; playoff yet undetermined

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
SPECIAL TO THE MESSENGER

After dropping a 3-1 decision to Stephenville on April 22, the Gatesville Hornets baseball team heads into the final week of the regular season with their postseason fate yet to be determined.

The Hornets will face Glen Rose twice this week with two shots at clinching a playoff spot for the second consecutive season.

The ideal result would be to sweep the week. Two wins to close the season would lock up a playoff spot.

Two wins against the Tigers paired with two Brownwood losses would mean the Hornets would finish the season as district runner-up. Two losses this week would eliminate Gatesville from the postseason.

Any result in-between allows for a number of convoluted potential scenarios:

- A split against Glen Rose and a Brownwood split against Stephenville means a three-way tie for third between Gatesville, Glen Rose, and Lampasas though the Hornets would own the tie-breaker thanks to winning the season series' against the Tigers and the Badgers.

- A split against Glen Rose and two Brownwood losses would mean a four-way tie behind Stephenville and result in a potential tournament-style playoff for the second, third, and fourth spots.

"This district is crazy," Gatesville head coach Chase Smith said.

In Friday's loss to Stephenville, Gatesville bounced back in a remarkable way just three days removed from 14-0 loss to the Yellowjackets. Even more remarkable considering they had to tackle the task of beating Stephenville's Reece Elston - last season's 6-4A Pitcher of The Year and likely repeat winner this year.

But Gatesville's Hayden Mooney - no stranger to tackling everything in his sight - was more than up for the task.

The senior utility man matched Elston nearly pitch-for-pitch throwing a complete game, scattering seven hits and allowing just one earned run. Mooney threw 108 pitches on the night - 78 for strikes, struck out three, and did not walk a batter.

"He was as good as he has been all year. He did a great job of mixing up his speeds and throwing his curveball for strikes. He kept a really good hitting team off balance (Friday)," Smith said. "He was also able to locate his fastball in and out which getting in on the hands of a couple of their power hitters and getting them to pop balls up was huge."

Mooney kept Stephenville off the board through two innings but the Yellow Jackets



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Bralen Veazey singles to left field for Gatesville in Friday's home contest against the Stephenville Yellow Jackets.

broke through for the first run of the game in the top of the third inning when Corbin Poston doubled home Cade Wright with one out.

Poston advanced to third on a single by Kyler Bowman but Mooney was able to induce a pop out and a soft ground out to get out of the inning.

"He is just a competitor and doesn't beat himself and challenges opponents. He did a great job," Smith said.

Stephenville stretched their lead to 3-0 in the top of the fifth thanks to a pair of Hornet errors and the miscues are something Smith continues to try and coach his team through.

"We have been working extremely hard and learning to overcome adversity," Smith said. "My motto to the guys this second half of the season is one bad play don't make a bad player. We have all made mistakes and not to let one mistake turn into two."

The Hornets responded by touching up Elston for a run in the bottom of the sixth.

Grant Erwin reached to open the frame but was forced out at second on Parker Allman's fielder's choice. Allman promptly stole second and scored when Mooney laced a two-out double down the left field line and cut the deficit to 3-1.

Cayden Mata then singled to move Mooney to third but the Hornets were unable to push either across.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Hornets threatened again bringing the winning run to the plate.

Mason Mooney was hit by a pitch to open the inning then, following a pair of strikeouts, Erwin ripped a single to right field, advancing Mooney to second.

Erwin was replaced by pinch-runner Kason Herbelin who was forced into a game-ending fielders choice when Jacob Ybarra ripped a ball up the middle that was snagged by Stephenville shortstop Nate Barry, who tagged Herbelin to end the game.

The Hornets finished with four hits in the

game - the double from Mooney and singles by Erwin, Mata, and sophomore designated hitter Bralen Veazey.

Poston had a pair of doubles and Wright had one for the Yellowjackets who also had four singles. Elston struck out 12 and did not walk a batter in his seven innings of work.

The loss was the fourth straight district loss for the Hornets yet Smith continued to stress what is still to be accomplished in the final week of the season.

"I just reminded them how good we can be if we play clean and don't beat ourselves and then I let them know what we had to do next week and that is to go take care of business and get two wins," he said. "Those guys have been rallying around each other and picking each other up and I think we are going to come out ready to play some good baseball this next week."

The Hornets hosted Glen Rose at 7 p.m. Tuesday and will wrap up the regular season at 7 p.m. Friday in Glen Rose.